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"Fighting on Manly Ground."

Here is a cheap illustration of the saying, "Whose bread I eat, his song I sing."

Mr. Powers is fighting on manly ground, exclusive of any political consideration that may enter into the case. The Powers fight light, dates back to the legislative session and a breach of faith on the part of Mr. Porter is believed to be the cause of it.

As but one particular name is mentioned of citizens who manage the affairs of State, County and Township, I will take up The Citizen's defense of Assemblyman Powers, and put this question plainly to any citizen of Bloomfield or Glen Ridge:

What is the measure of the "trust" you put in C. W. Powers? Is there a leading Republican in this community who will come out over his signature in either local paper endorsing Powers and condemning The Record for saying, here and now, that we believe Powers to be chiefly unfit to represent us in the Legislature? Let somebody speak out. Is he fit or unfit? Or have you nothing to say?

The assertion that in the Speaker-ship contest "Powers is fighting on manly ground" exclusive of any political considerations that may enter into the case is a deliberate lie. In the last legislative session, when a very bad bill—the Newark and Jersey City election bill—was under consideration, Mr. Porter refused to support it, and for that reason especially Republican County Chairman Lentz, and his legislative tool, Powers, are doing all they can to prevent Mr. Porter from being chosen Speaker. This action places the Republican party of Essex County in a sorry position. It is a case of pride going before destruction. Major Carl Lentz and his henchmen succeeded in reducing the party majority of over 20,000 for Assemblymen in 1896 to less than 7,000 in 1897. With these figures in view, and this fight over the Speaker-ship being fought out to a finish, it is plain that the people will next year make an end of Republican bossism. Major Lentz, as the local Robespierre of the present regime and Powers as his St. Just, will soon hear "Down with the Dictator!" and see the basket beneath the guillotine yawning to receive their political heads as victims of their own machine.

Something for Nothing.

The Cranford (N. J.) Chronicle, a recent date, contains the following:

By recommendation of the New Jersey Editorial association, we have decided to abolish the unfair and unwarranted custom of giving free local notices to entertainments of any kind which have as their object the raising of money for the benefit of societies or individuals. Hereafter we shall make a charge of one cent a word for such notices.

The recommendation of the Editorial Association was perfectly proper and it is a pity that all New Jersey journals do not follow it up to it. Individuals and committees go to New York or Jersey City or elsewhere to have their printing done, and then expect the local press to advertise their entertainments, given for the purpose of making money, freely through their local columns. They never think of advertising in the local papers, as is done generally in other towns, oh! no; if they have money to pay or homage to render they salaried to out of town printers and papers. They ought to be taught the lesson that a publisher's space is just as much to him as the market to the merchant or the grocer. No man expects to go into a store and get a pound or two of tea or sugar without paying for it, but some people do expect that a publisher will hand out a portion of his stock in trade for nothing. The printer has people to pay and rents to meet and stock bills to settle and all this sort of thing, and yet no man in all the community, all over the world, does so much toward building up the locality where he resides. So far as the Bayonne Herald is concerned, hereafter no advance notice will be given of any entertainment where an admission fee is charged, or which is given for the purpose of making money, except for the regular compensation; where such an entertainment is given for a charitable purpose then one-half the regular rates will be charged.—Bayonne Herald.

"More Confidence" Wanted.

"What is wanted is more public spirit, less croaking and more confidence in our public men, more trust in them, for Bloomfield can boast of citizens who manage the affairs of the township."

The above extract from The Citizen indicates that Bloomfield is still counted upon as good picking for contractors, corporations and corporations, big and little, even with its \$303 tax rate, and "mighty little to show for it," as many tax payers are boldly asserting.

The Legislature will meet at Trenton on Tuesday, January 11th.

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Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in Newark.

Thursday evening, December 9th, the Schubert Vocal Society of Newark will give a grand performance of Mendelssohn's greatest oratorio, Elijah.

This performance will be made especially interesting as it is the first performance of this dramatic composition in four years, anywhere in this vicinity, the last performance being the notable Charity Concert in 1893, when nearly three thousand persons were crowded into the Grand Opera House of Newark and hundreds turned away unable to get within the doors.

For the coming performance most elaborate preparations are making, including the engagement of the Seidl Orchestra and the following string quart of soloists: Miss. Elsom, Meridith, Schenck; Miss. Emma Belle Kearney, Contralto; Mr. Ericson, Bass; Mr. Bozinger, Tenor; the Tenor to be announced later.

The large chorus of the Schubert Society will do the choral numbers.

Mr. Louis Arthur Russell will conduct the work.

The capacity of the Concert rooms down town being so limited, the Directors have engaged for this season's performances the very large and elegant Auditorium which replaced the burned Saenger Hall on Belmont Avenue. This concert room which accommodated nearly two thousand persons, is the first audience room in Newark and is at once the most easy of access and the most comfortable of the city's halls.

The troupe accommodations are all that can be desired. Cars passing the Broad Street Railroad Station all transfer directly to the door of the Auditorium, and the cross-town line also passes the door of the Hall; all transfers carrying to corner of Belmont and Springfield Avenues.

The sale of tickets both box plan for reserved seats is by Holtzner the druggist, Broad and Market Streets, who will answer telephone or mail orders for seats.

Tickets are on sale in Bloomfield at Wood's Broad Street drug store.

Public School Notes.

The rule for lunch at noon is that children who have to travel a distance which takes them from 15 to 20 minutes away may upon application to the Principal of the school secure permission to bring their lunch.

The Superintendent's office hours are from 9 to 10 every morning and Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. He is also likely to be in the office at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The special purpose of the Tuesday evening hours is to consult with parents or any others interested in the schools upon any matters personal or general, and to receive visitors who wish to bring before him.

Prof. Chancellor has been invited to address the Montclair Y. M. C. A. in January.

Three new members have been admitted to the High School Girls' debating society. The subject for the last debate was resolved that all studies in the High School should be elective.

Public exercises are being arranged for the last day before Christmas.

There will be a general teachers' meeting for teachers only on Tuesday of next week.

Miss Ida S. Agnew has resigned from the Grammar School to accept a larger salary in a position offered to her in New York State.

The second reports of the school year will be issued by the last school day before Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 23d.

Some new maps and globes have been secured for school No. 5 on Bloomfield Avenue.

The new singing books in the High School have given universal satisfaction and a number of students have purchased copies for themselves.

It is understood that a course of book-keeping is to be introduced in the Grammar Schools in January.

Prof. John Oakley gave lectures in the High School Assembly room upon the Civil War, Thursday and Friday. The admission was 10 cents and one third was devoted to the library fund. The lectures were illustrated by stereopticon views.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller died on Sunday of diphtheria. This is the second child that succumbed to this dreadful disease. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon.

The "Prometheus Bound" of Eschylus the earliest play of the oldest dramatist, will be given an elaborate presentation in the Empire Theatre on the afternoon of April 12th. This will be its first representation in English.

The paraphrase from Eschylus and the choruses have been written by Mr. George Parsons Lathrop, the author of "Blaine" and "The Scarlet Letter." The music of the choruses and melodramatic accompaniment of the entire play has been composed by Mr. Edgar Stillman Kelley.

Mr. Franklin H. Sargent, who has been so long identified with the performance of Greek plays in this country, will have the entire supervision of that production.

There will be an orchestra of forty under the direction of the composer, and a strong professional cast and chorus will be engaged.

The performance of "Prometheus Bound" has been opened. Seats may be reserved on application to E. P. Stephenson, Room 140, Carnegie Hall.

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Amenities of the Caucus.

(From The Newark Evening News.)

The caucus held by the Republican Freeholders last Friday night was a short one, but it was so far from being sweet that at one time it looked as though some punching would be done.

Freeholder Thomas Atchison of Newark did the kicking. His wrath was aroused by the introduction of a resolution providing for the selection of nineteen county officials in a bunch for free appointment, and in opposing it he used language that had the merit of blunt ness if nothing else.

The resolution, however, was put through and the present officials will be re-appointed for one year, unless Mr. Atchison succeeds in breaking the slate at the board meeting, which will be held next Monday, Dec. 6th.

The count showed twenty votes in favor of the resolution and eight against it.

"I will not stand by the caucus," Mr. Atchison said. "I will have nothing to do with the adoption of this resolution. If there is a flim-flam game here I'll know it, and I will split in the open board meeting. One man cannot run this caucus."

When the meeting adjourned the Freeholders got ready to go away.

Mr. McGowan walked over to the chairman's desk, and Mr. Atchison followed him.

"Mr. McGowan," he shouted, "did you draw up that resolution?"

The elderly Director, who was never known to get excited, answered the question coolly in the negative.

"But you know who did," declared Mr. Atchison angrily.

"No, sir; I do not," said the Bloomfield man, in the most indifferent fashion imaginable.

"Mr. McGowan, I don't believe you," cried the Sixth Warder, "and I mean all that I say. You are an old man—I don't want to call you a liar—but I don't believe you. You know who drew up that resolution. You ought to be ashamed of yourself to let it go through—yes, the Director of this board. It is the rottenest deal I ever heard of. You tried the same game in the recent convention, but you got dumped."

"Just my luck," said the Director, calmly, and he was the coolest man in the room. Mr. Atchison was blushing with wrath. His face was like the shell of a boiled lobster and his jaws were tight set, while his hands were clenched as though he was striving to restrain himself. Tears of anger stood in his eyes, and his voice was husky. He insisted that it was "a bunco deal," and Mr. McGowan smiled; he said it was an outrage, and the Director shrugged his shoulders; he told the Bloomfield man that he was a slick politician, and the latter said he had heard the same thing before, but he never lost control of himself, and if ever he deserved the nickname of "the iceberg" it was just about that time. Mr. Atchison was indignant and excited. The Director was so worked up, but he insisted that he was right, and the resolution was a put up job, railroaded along to muzzle those who were not in it.

Things quieted down soon after and the other Freeholders who had been interested but silent spectators, departed, leaving Messrs. McGowan and Atchison assembled alone in solemn caucus. They spoke almost in whispers. Mr. McGowan talked apparently in a fatherly sort of fashion, and Mr. Atchison listened to him with something of an "im-martyr" look on his face. They talked together for twenty minutes or so, and when they separated it looked as though they had declared a truce without surrendering their arms.

Mr. Atchison's opposition to the resolution, it was said later, was due to the fact that he did not care to see County Counsel Munn re-appointed. That was one reason, it was claimed, why he wanted to have the offices taken up separately, but it is insisted by others that even if that course had been pursued the Sixth Ward man could not have gained his point. Another man, who it was understood, did not like the "blanket resolution" was Freeholder Dill. The latter had a candidate for Warden of the Penitentiary, but the blanket resolution made it impossible for him to even name his man.

Washington Tent No. 4, K. of M.

The first of a series of entertainments and receptions to the tent was given by Washington Tent No. 4, Knights of the Macabees, at Central Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 26th.

Notwithstanding the storm and general unpleasant state of the weather the hall was well filled with a select and appreciative audience, admission being by complimentary tickets. A very enjoyable programme was rendered, both literary and musical. Sir Knight Lieut. Commander Moffat, Record Keeper Cadmus of No. 4, Sir Knight Past Commander Chase of Prospect Tent 209, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. Fred Gals gave some pleasing recitations. Deputy Supreme Commander Spuer gave an address explaining the benefits to be derived from a membership in the Brotherhood as well as its origin which was listened to with much pleasure and interest. The Misses Hunt, Chase, Van Tassel, Hall, Guilmann and the Peerless Quartette contributed pleasingly to the musical pastime of the entertainment, after which refreshments were served and all enjoyed themselves in a way not soon to be forgotten. The Tent anticipates another reception in the near future and every effort will be made to make them in every respect of a high order.

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